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1. Trucks [redacted] each towing
a heavy mortar, left the barracks installation at the Rathenow/Nord
(N 53/Z 15) railroad station on 2 August 1950. [redacted]

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3. Tractors [redacted] left the barracks installation on the road to Semlin on 3 August 1950. Artillery drill with four guns of about 100-mm caliber, with split-trail carriages, was held in the training area opposite the installation.

4. On 3 August 1950, several trucks with trailers were each loaded with about 20 projectiles, which were removed from the central storehouse of the Heeresverpflegungsamt (army ration supply depot). The shells were shaped like mortar projectiles but were considerably larger. [redacted]

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5. A corps headquarters was located in the Ziethen Kaserne on Bahnhofstrasse. It was learned between 21 July and 7 August 1950 that a Nikolai Timoshenkov of that headquarters was liaison officer to the German authorities.

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He was also court officer at the Rathenow police court and controlled the Germans in the post area who were employed by the Soviets.

6. Motor vehicles [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] were seen at the Ziethen Kaserne on 30 July 1950. [redacted]

7. [redacted] the troops who had been in the training area south of Rathenow on 11 July 1950 and who had drawn their rations from the Rathenow military post left for Thuringia between 15 and 17 July 1950. 50X1-HUM
Entraining troops had not been observed. (3)

8. Trucks [redacted] each occupied by about 20 artillerymen, entered the Arado installation, Heidefeld, on 19 July 1950. The troops had returned from Altengrabow, [redacted] (4) 50X1-HUM

9. Artillery ammunition, packed in boxes 40x40x120 cm, was unloaded from seven boxcars at the Heeresverpflegungsamt on 20 July 1950.

10. A hundred and twenty soldiers had left the Kraftfahrer Kaserne for demobilization and had been replaced by recruits [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] Since 1 August 1950, recruits were observed undergoing training up to company level in the areas on Semliner Heath and Hammer Heath. Three 50X1-HUM
AA guns of about 80-mm caliber and seven other guns of about 80-mm caliber were seen there. The guns were towed to the Pioneer Kaserne by trucks

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) [redacted]
- (2) The information that a corps headquarters was stationed in the Ziethen Kaserne is plausible and is probable confirmation of the Hq IV Arty Corps in Rathenow prior to 7 August 1950.
- (3) [redacted] component units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army conducted some short field exercises in the area east and south of Rathenow and then left toward Lieberose and Templin. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (4) [redacted] There is nothing to indicate that these units left toward Thuringia. 50X1-HUM
The information is credible. The artillery units of the IV Arty Corps which are permanently stationed at Rathenow, have been rotated for training cycles in Altengrabow since April 1950. 50X1-HUM

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